

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In Re Application of: Alain NIGON

I.A. Appln. No. PCT/FR00/01624

Nationalized Date: December 14, 2001

For: KIT FOR REMOVING A BLOOD VESSEL FILTER



PCT BRANCH

I.A. Filing Date: June 13, 2000

Washington, D.C.

Atty.'s Docket: NIGON=1

Date: January 4, 2002

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [X] PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted

[] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

[XX] No fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS
TOTAL	* 12	MINUS	** 20		0
INDEP.	* 1	MINUS	*** 3		0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL	
	\$

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 18	\$
x 84	\$
+ 280	\$
TOTAL	
	\$

OR

OR

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

- [] First - \$ 55.00
- [] Second - \$ 200.00
- [] Third - \$ 460.00
- [] Fourth - \$ 720.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

- [] First - \$ 110.00
- [] Second - \$ 400.00
- [] Third - \$ 920.00
- [] Fourth - \$ 1440.00

Month After Time Period Set

[] Less fees (\$) already paid for ___ month(s) extension of time on _____.

[] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$.

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims by rewriting claims 7-9 in amended form as follows (attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made"):

7. (Amended) A kit according to claim 1, characterized in that the length of the catheters ranges from 40 to 80 cm.

8. (Amended) A kit according to claim 1, characterized in that the inside diameter of the catheters